

FRENCH WIPE OUT 40,000 GERMANS

Two Teuton Divisions Annihilated in Latest Verdun Drive

ASSAULT LIKE INFERNO

Crown Prince's Line Thrust Back More Than Three Miles

By HENRY WOOD WITH THE FRENCH ARMY AT VERDUN, Dec. 18.

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GERMAN FIRE FAILS

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That German artillery fire continued with incredible violence and persistence during the entire afternoon—but it was apparent from the continued shortening of the range by the enemy that the French were

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MORE BOOTY CAPTURED

Braila and Galatz Reported Evacuated by Russo-Rumanians

Field Marshal von Mackensen's army has reached the gates of Moldavia, the only Rumanian province remaining in the hands of the Russo-Rumanian forces.

All of Dobruja, except the forest region in the bend of the Danube, is now in possession of the German-Hungarian and Turkish troops.

Virtually all of Great Wallachia has been overrun. The Russo-Rumanian army is reported to have evacuated Braila and Galatz.

West of the Buzo-Reniuk road the German allies are pushing toward the northeast through the mountains; east of the road parallel progress is being made across the lowlands.

During the last forty-eight hours vast stores of fresh booty have fallen into the hands of the German allies.

It is reported that the seat of the Rumanian Government has been removed from Jassy to Russia. The Foreign Office has been established in Petrograd; the other branches are to be located at Kiev, it is said.

It is rumored that King Ferdinand, who is rapidly becoming "the monarch without a country," will abdicate and go to England.

Russo-Rumanian columns retreating toward Braila, at the bend of the Danube, were attacked by German air squadrons with successful results.

The general situation in Rumania is unchanged. In the Ux Valley, on the eastern frontier of Transylvania, there have been local engagements with varying success.

On the Macedonian front there has temporarily been lively firing along the bend of the Cerna River, the War Office stated.

Advances of Russian forces in the Carpathians was announced in today's official statement. The report said:

Around the little Porok our position was reinforced. East of Glashute we captured several heights, enemy counter-attacks being repulsed.

The Rumanian army has retreated to the Russian frontier, where it is being reorganized by Russian and Rumanian officers, says a dispatch to the Petit Parisien.

When the Russians took over the fighting front, the remnants of the original Rumanian army retired behind the Sereth River to the south of Jassy, some of it going into Besarabia (a Russian province).

The new offensive of the British in the Mesopotamian theatre of war is commanding widespread attention.

Military experts express the opinion that the new thrust against the Turks along the Tigris River may have for one of its objects the weakening of German and Italian pressure against Russia.

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